

Mashpee

National Wildlife Refuge

Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex Fact Sheet

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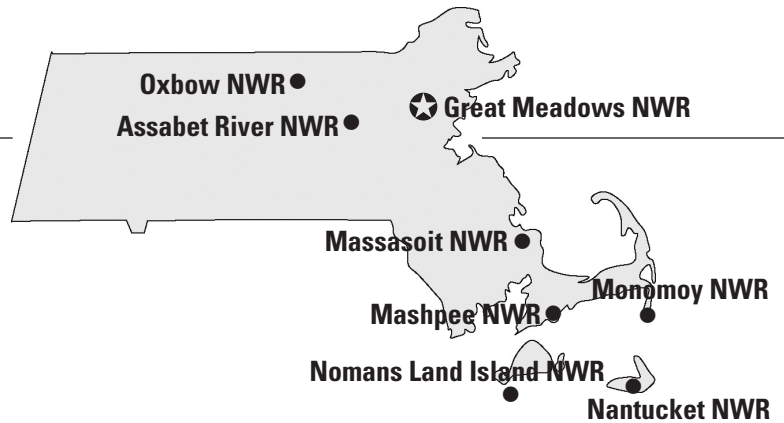
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Purpose

Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge was established to preserve and protect natural resources. The refuge is associated with the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve area for the protection of waterfowl and wildlife.

Public Use Notes

- Partners regulate public use activities on their lands.
- Federal lands are currently closed to all public uses.
- Wildlife-dependent public uses will be evaluated in the refuge's comprehensive conservation plan (CCP).



Management Activities

- Provide feeding, resting and nesting habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, osprey and a variety of other migratory birds
- Work cooperatively with partner groups to manage the entire Mashpee Refuge

Highlights

A partnership of nine landowners jointly manages the refuge: Massachusetts DEM and DF&W, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the towns of Mashpee and Falmouth, the Falmouth Rod and Gun Club, the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Each partner manages their lands for the benefit of wildlife resources.

Habitats include salt marshes, pine barrens, cranberry bogs, Atlantic white cedar swamps, freshwater marshes and a state-certified vernal pool.

Issues

Refuge partners want more of a Service presence and more federal land acquisition.

Sandy roads through the refuge provide easy access for trespassers to dump refuse.

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